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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on May 18, 2010 at the Navajo Museum, Window Rock, Arizona.

Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Steve Lynn, Dr. Eugene Thompson, Nadine Mathis Basha, Vivian Saunders, Dr. Pamela Powell, and Gayle Burns

Members Absent:

Dr. Arturo Gonzalez, Hon. Cecil Patterson

Ex-Officio Member Designees Present:

Amy Corriveau, Brad Willis and Mary Ellen Cunningham

Conflict of Interest

Chairman Lynn asked the Board members if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. There were none.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda items 4D Communications Update be pulled off the Consent Agenda for discussion, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion carried.

Director Evans Allvin, requested that the Board consider giving staff the authority to approve Council strategies for FY2011 that have been on hold until the communication plan is complete.

A motion was made by Member Thompson that the Board give the Executive Director authority to approve the FY2011 communication strategies currently on hold, seconded by Member Mathis Basha. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to approve Consent Agenda item 4D Communications Update, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion carried.

Board Member Report/Update

Chairman Lynn thanked First Lady Shirley for the invitation to hold the Board meeting in Window Rock along with Regional staff and Council members. Chairman Lynn expressed this gratitude to the Ft. Defiance Head Start and the children and families that shared their time, and the morning blessing by Mr. Timothy Bitsilly at the Navajo Nation Museum Hogan.

Member Saunders expressed her thanks to the Dine Nation and First Lady Shirley for extending an invitation to come into their home and for the prayers.

Member Corriveau reminded the Board of the NAEYC conference June 6-7-8 and stated the Arizona affiliates will be holding an event at the Heard Museum on June 8th.

Member Mathis Basha thanked First Lady Shirley and President Shirley for their support and addressed the Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council and thanked them for allowing the Board to see the great work happening within the region.

Chairman Lynn stated that Dr. Gonzalez had resigned from the Board due to time constraints with work and his upcoming Presidency of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

System Building Work Session

Karen Woodhouse, Deputy Director, facilitated the work session during which the Board briefly reviewed the work done to date. The Board then engaged in a discussion on the proposed FTF roles in the early childhood system and provided feedback.

State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education

Sandy Foreman, Assistant Director for Policy and Research, presented to the Board an update on the Board's role as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education.

A motion was made by Member Thompson that the First Things First Board, acting as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education, approve submittal of a grant proposal in the amount of \$2,325,469 to fund the Quality First Pilot and the dissemination and training of the Arizona Infant/Toddler Development Guidelines, as well as the Arizona's Early Learning Standards (ages 3-5 years old) and Program Guidelines for High Quality Early Education: Birth through Kindergarten, Seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

First Things First Funded Studies

Dr. Amy Kemp, Assistant Director for Evaluation, updated the Board on First Things First evaluation and funded studies undertaken to provide data to inform strategic planning and enable progress monitoring. Dr. Kemp reviewed with the Board current planning to measure accountability for priorities identified by Arizona Early Childhood Task Force, current plan for data gathering through studies, and how external evaluation work relates to Task Force planning.

First Things First Opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 2001

A motion was made by Member Thompson that the Board approve the Resolution for the First Things First State Board's Opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 2001 as drafted, seconded by Member Mathis Basha.

Member Saunders suggested amending the Resolution to add a statement of current accomplishments.

A motion was made by Member Thompson to table this agenda item and bring back to the Board after a short break to draft amended language, seconded by Member Saunders. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Thompson to un-table this agenda item, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Thompson that the Board approve the Resolution for the First Things First State Board's Opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 2001 as amended, seconded by Member Mathis Basha.

Chairman Lynn called for a roll call vote:

Member Mathis Basha	Yes
Member Burns	Yes
Member Powell	Yes
Member Saunders	Yes
Member Thompson	Yes
Member Lynn	Yes

Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

Rhian Evans Allvin, Executive Director, reported to the Board that the Governor has made the decision to reapply for the Race to the Top grant. Director Allvin acknowledged Karen Woodhouse and her team. Under Ms. Woodhouse' leadership they drafted a content brief for three of the four goals areas.

Director Allvin reported that on May 1, 2010, FTF Professional Reward\$ was launched and stated that this be a stipend bonus and used as an incentive tool to retain early care and education professionals in the workforce.

Director Allvin acknowledged Dr. Judy Walruff who was asked to co-present in a webinar for Voices for Illinois Children.

General Discussion

No General Discussion

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2010 and will be held at the First Things First Office in Phoenix, Arizona.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m.

